

1989 ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

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BASS, LARGEMOUTH

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: December through May
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels

BANNER MARSH-JOHNSON LAKE—135 Acres

Location: Peoria County, 4 miles northeast of Banner on Route 24
Months: April, May & October
Baits: Shad imitators & crank baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlenville
Months: May, June and September
Baits: Plastic worms, spinner baits & crank baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and Trees

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 4 miles southwest of Carbondale
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Coves and points

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 507 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels and weed beds

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: Spring & Fall
Baits: Spinners, crank baits and plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline cover, points and coves

COFFEEN LAKE — 1100 Acres

Location: Montgomery County, 1 mile west of Coffeen
Months: Year round, February - April best
Baits: Spinner and crank baits, plastic worms
Average Weight: 2-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, weed beds in back of coves

DEEP LAKE — 200 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Rt. 132
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Drop-off at northwest side and weed beds

DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres

Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles east of McLeansboro
Months: April - September
Baits: Spinners, plastic worms
Average Weight: 2-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points and structures

EAST FORK ACCESS — 935 Acres

Location: Richland County, 1 mile northwest of Olney
Months: April - October
Baits: Spinners, crank baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Points and weed beds

EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels in north section and weed beds

FOX LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres

Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: May through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and channels

GILLESPIE NEW CITY LAKE — 270 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 3 miles northwest of Gillespie
Months: May & June
Baits: Spinners, crank baits & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush and weed beds

GLENN SHOALS LAKE — 1,200 Acres

Location: Montgomery County, north of Hillsboro
Months: April through October
Baits: Spinners, cranks, plastic worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, brush, shoreline

GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove
Months: May through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Grass Island, bays, and channels

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres

Location: Bond County, northeast edge at Greenville
Months: May, June, September & October
Baits: Spinners, crank baits & plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, brush and underwater structures

HENNEPIN CANAL - Pools 17, 20-21-22-23-24-25

Location: Bureau & Henry counties from the junction of Routes 88 & 80, 8 miles west of Geneseo.
Months: April, May & October
Baits: Minnows, crank baits, plastic worms, surface baits
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush piles & lily pads

HOMER LAKE — 81 Acres

Location: Champaign County, 2 miles north of Homer
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush, edge of weed beds and stream channels

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: April and May
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Cypress trees along shoreline

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LAKE — 17 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, east side of Springfield
Months: May - September
Baits: Spinner baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire shoreline

LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres

Location: Whiteside County - 2 miles north of Morrison
Months: May-October
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ⅓ - 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline in weeds and brush

LAKE CENTRALIA — 450 Acres

Location: Marion County
Months: April, May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and weed beds



LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres

Location: Johnson County, 8 miles south of Marion
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and brush

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres

Location: Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: May and June
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, points and fish attractors

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres

Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Channels and weed beds

LAKE MINGO — 170 Acres

Location: Vermilion County - 4 miles north of Danville
Months: April-May & September-November
Baits: Spinner baits & deep diving plugs
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Standing timber, points and brush piles

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and points

LAKE SARA — 586 Acres

Location: Effingham County, 5 miles northwest of Effingham
Months: April through August
Baits: Crank baits & spinners
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Points and shallow bays

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Spinners, crank baits & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1.5 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap, points and underwater structures

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie counties
Months: April through October
Baits: Deep diving plugs, plastic worms & spinner baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber, stickups, points and bays

LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres

Location: LaSalle County
Months: April-September
Baits: Crank, jig & eel, minnows
Average Weight: 4.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

LONG LAKE (Kickapoo State Park) — 56.6 Acres

Location: Vermillion County, 2 miles east of Oakwood
Months: May to September
Baits: Nitecrawlers & artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds, fallen trees, shoreline, & or south end of lake

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: March & April
Baits: Spinner baits in spring; rubber worms in hot summer
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Logs, stumps in standing timber and levee rip-rap

MILL CREEK LAKE — 81 Acres

Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: April - October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, shoreline cover



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NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton
Months: March-December
Baits: Crank baits, plastic worms
Average Weight: 3.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points and weed beds

PARIS EAST LAKE — 163 Acres
Location: Edgar County, north edge of Paris
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres
Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres
Location: Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia
Months: April, May, June & September
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres
Location: Franklin & Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: April through October
Baits: Spinner baits, deep diving plugs & plastic worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline with flooded brush, timber and rock rip-rap

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April through October
Baits: Spinners & crank baits
Average Weight: 2.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Stickups and points

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres
Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Crank bait and spinner baits
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap and underwater structures

SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres
Location: DeKalb County — 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: April, September through November
Baits: Spinners, crank baits, plastic worms
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush, stumps and weed beds

SMITHLAND POOL/OHIO RIVER — ILLINOIS TRIBUTARIES
Location: Hardin and Pope counties
Months: April - October
Baits: Crank baits & spinners
Average Weight: 2.0 pounds
Areas to Fish: All areas with structure

SPRING LAKE — NORTH — 578 Acres
Location: Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop
Months: March, April & May
Baits: Crank baits & spinners
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Aquatic weed beds

SPRING LAKE — SOUTH — 610 Acres
Location: Tazewell County, 7 miles west of Manito
Months: April, May and September
Baits: Crank baits, spinner baits
Average Weight: 1.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds

STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres
Location: Marion County, 4 miles east and 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow upper end and bays

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 250 Acres
Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: March, April, May & June
Baits: Spinner baits and deep diving plugs
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged trees

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres
Location: DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton
Months: April and May, September - October
Baits: Rapala, jig n' pig, plastic worms
Average Weight: 2.0 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along tree

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres
Location: Cook County, 14 miles east of Chicago
Months: March, April, September
Baits: Spinners & plastic worms
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Weed areas and south channels

WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres
Location: Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland
Months: April - May - June - September - October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 ½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Around weedbeds, points, fallen trees

WAVERLY LAKE — 125 Acres
Location: Morgan County, 2 miles west of Waverly
Months: May - September
Baits: Plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Standing timber

BASS, SMALLMOUTH

FOX RIVER
Location: LaSalle, Kane, Kendall and McHenry Counties
Months: April through October
Baits: Minnows, spinner baits, crayfish, nightcrawlers, Mr. Twisters
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Drop-offs near rocky ledges, dam tailwaters and creek mouths, island points



IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles
Location: Iroquois County, Iroquois to Aroma Park
Months: April through June
Baits: Spinners, crayfish & earthworms
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Deep pools near brush piles

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles
Location: Kankakee and Will Counties
Months: April, May & August
Baits: Spinners, crayfish & earthworms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dams at Kankakee, Wilmington and Momence, mouth of small tributary streams in early spring

KISHWAUKEE RIVER
Location: Boone County, Belvidere
Months: April through June, September
Baits: Spinners, worms, minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dam

KYTE RIVER
Location: Ogle County, 1½ miles south of Chana
Months: April through June
Baits: Crayfish, spinners, minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Pools below riffles and obstructions

LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres
Location: LaSalle County
Months: April-September
Baits: Crank, artificial
Average Weight: 4.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

MACKINAW RIVER — 30 Miles
Location: Woodford and Tazewell Counties
Months: April & May
Baits: Spinners, crayfish, minnows
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles, cutoff banks, deep pools

MIDDLE FORK VERMILION RIVER — 50 Miles
Location: Champaign and Vermilion Counties, from Penfield to Oakwood
Months: April to June
Baits: Small spinners & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep pools near brush

RANDOLPH COUNTY LAKE — 65 Acres
Location: Randolph County, 5 miles north of Chester
Months: April - October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Points and weeds

ROCK RIVER
Location: Ogle County, at Grand Detour
Months: May & June
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Riffles and areas of fast current, also below dams and mouths of tributary streams

STERLING LAKE — 73 Acres
Location: Lake County, Route 173 and Route 41
Months: April-June, January & February
Baits: Spinners, lures, plastic worms, crayfish
Average Weight: 1 to 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Drop-offs near shore

SUGAR RIVER — 5 Miles
Location: Winnebago County, 10 miles west of South Beloit on Yale Bridge Road
Months: April through June
Baits: Crayfish, minnows, spinner baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Pools behind riffles or bars

BASS, STRIPED

CLINTON LAKE (Hybrids) — 5,000 Acres
Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: Spring through fall
Baits: Spoons, spinners, large minnows
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged bars, rip-rap, spillway area

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres
Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: June
Baits: Spinners (½ oz. or smaller)
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Open water in main basin (look for schooling fish)

GLENN SHOALS — 1,200 Acres
Location: Montgomery County
Months: Spring through fall
Baits: Crank baits, spoons, minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 15 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, creek channels

HEIDECHE LAKE (Pure & Hybrids) — 1,955 Acres
Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Minnows, artificial lures, crayfish
Average Weight: 6½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, troll open water

LAKE BLOOMINGTON — 635 Acres
Location: McLean County, 10 miles north of Bloomington
Months: Spring through fall
Baits: Spoons, spinners, large minnows
Average Weight: 3-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, around island

LAKE SANGCHRIS — 2165 Acres
Location: 14 miles S.E. of Springfield
Months: March-May, September, October
Average Weight: 12-16 pounds
Areas to Fish: Depends upon time of year and power plant operation.

LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres
Location: LaSalle County
Months: April-September (Winter-Discharger Canal)
Baits: Crayfish
Average Weight: 7.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Dropoffs near deep areas in lake.

OTTER LAKE (Hybrid) — 765 Acres
Location: Macoupin County, 5 miles west of Girard
Months: Spring - Fall
Baits: Crank baits, spoons, minnows
Average Weight: 1 to 15 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, creek channels

POWERTON LAKE (Hybrids) — 1,426 Acres
Location: Southwest edge of Pekin, Tazewell County
Months: March-May, September-October
Baits: Spinners, jigs and minnows
Average Weight: 4 to 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Discharge and intake

REND LAKE (Hybrids) — 18,900 Acres
Location: Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: April - October (tailwater-May & June)
Baits: Slapspoon, gay blades, shad plugs
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points, submerged ridge, river channel, tailwater

BASS, WHITE

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres
Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties; Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder are adjacent to lake
Months: July, August & September
Baits: Jigs, minnows & small spinning lures
Average Weight: ⅔ pound
Areas to Fish: Around islands, rip-rap, points, tailwaters and submerged knobs

DECATUR LAKE — 3,093 Acres
Location: Macon County, in Decatur
Months: May - October
Baits: Jigs, small spinning lures, minnows
Average Weight: ⅔ pound
Areas to Fish: Points, rock rip-rap, Sangamon River, flooded flats and tailwaters

HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County
Months: April, May, September
Baits: Minnows, jigs and artificial lures
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, area near bridge

ILLINOIS RIVER (Below Dams)

Location: LaSalle County, at Starved Rock State Park; Peoria County, at Peoria Lock & Dam
Months: May & June
Baits: Spinners
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Rocky shore and tailwater (below dam)

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: May through October
Baits: Jigs, small spining lures & minnows
Average Weight: ⅔ pound
Areas to Fish: points, rock rip-rap, Kaskaskia River, flooded flats and tailwaters

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Small spinners and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Open waters

LASALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres

Location: LaSalle County
Months: April, May, September
Baits: Spinners and minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Open waters

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 18, Boston Bay — 460 Acres

Location: Mercer County, New Boston, Illinois
Months: May, August-September
Baits: Jigs and spinner baits
Average Weight: 1½ pound
Areas to Fish: Open water where schools of shad or minnows breaking surface

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Sylvan Slough

Location: Rock Island County, in Moline
Months: April, May, August & September
Baits: Jigs, minnows & spinners
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound

POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 1 mile Southeast of Pekin
Months: February, March and May
Baits: Jigs, minnows, spinners
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: At discharge and intake

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin & Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: June through September
Baits: Small spinning lures, jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Points, rock rip-rap and around islands

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres

Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Small spinners & jigs
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Middle and west arms



BLUEGILL

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: December through May
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: North Bank

BANNER MARSH (Multiple small water areas)

Location: Peoria County, 4 miles northeast of Banner on Route 24
Months: May, June, January & February
Baits: Red worms, wax worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds May & June; 18-20 ft. of water January & February

CHANNEL/CATHERINE LAKES (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 507 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Route 173
Months: May - September; December - February
Baits: Crickets, redworms and grubs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Weed beds

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Wolf Creek, stumps, brush and spawn beds

DEVIL’S KITCHEN — 810 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 8 miles southeast of Carbondale
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

DUTCHMAN LAKE — 118 Acres

Location: Johnson County, 3 miles southeast of Goreville
Months: April - May
Baits: Worms & Crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

EAST FORK LAKE — 935 Acres

Location: Richland County 1 mile NE of Olney
Months: April-October
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

FRANK HOLTEN — 80 Acres & 97 Acres

Location: East St. Louis, St. Clair County
Months: May and June
Baits: Night crawlers, crickets
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres

Location: Bond County, 1 mile northeast of Greenville
Months: May through October
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April, May, June
Baits: Worms, nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ¼-⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

HENNEPIN CANAL — 926 Acres

Location: Bureau, Henry and Whiteside Counties, Wyanet to Geneseo
Months: May & June
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish : Shoreline

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres

Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: April & May
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds and Cypress trees

LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres

Location: Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison
Months: April and September to November
Baits: Artifical lures
Average Weight: ¼-⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Weedbeds and brush

LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres

Location: LaSalle County
Months: April, May
Baits: Worms, crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weed beds

LAKE MINGO — 170 Acres

Location: Vermilion County - 4 miles north of Danville
Months: June-September and Ice Fishing
Baits: Redworms & waxworms
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Standing timber, off weed beds & brush piles

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres

Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Around standing brush, also stumps in timber

MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres

Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: May - September
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Around shoreline vegetation

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 12, Frentress Lake — 1.5 miles

Location: 2 miles south of East Dubuque, Illinois
Months: June - September
Baits: Worms & small jigs with spinners
Average Weight: ¼ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles along shoreline

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 19, Burlington Island — River Mile 399.5

Location: Henderson County, Shokokon, Illinois
Months: May-June, September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline cover

REDHILLS LAKE — 40 Acres

Location: Lawrence County 10 miles east of Olney
Months: April-October
Baits: Worms, crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: April through October
Baits: Crickets & redworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Areas or bays with brush and timber, timber of Nason Point, Big Muddy and Casey Form Arms

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, October
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups, bays and spawn beds

SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres

Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville
Months: May - June
Baits: Crickets and redworms
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Back of small coves

SMITHLAND POOL/OHIO RIVER-ILLINOIS TRIBUTARIES

Location: Hardin and Pope Counties
Months: May-June
Baits: Crickets and red worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Crickets & artificial flies
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds and spawning beds

STUMP LAKE (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres

Location: Jersey County, 5 miles north of Grafton
Months: April-August
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush

WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland
Months: May - September
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around weedbeds

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 248 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May & July
Baits: Crickets, worms & meal worms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton
Months: June-August
Baits: Redworms, nightcrawlers
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and Cypress trees

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: May through September
Baits: Earthworms
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Anywhere in lake

BULLHEADS

ANDERSON LAKE — 1,364 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 8 miles southwest of Havana
Months: April - June
Baits: Worms, crayfish and cut bait
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: April & May
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Upper shallow end

MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres

Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: May-September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow areas

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres

Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ½-1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: May, June & August
Baits: Worms & small crayfish
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Upper end

SPRING LAKE NORTH — 578 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin along the Manito Blacktop
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Around south shore

SPRING LAKE SOUTH — 610 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 7 miles west of Manito
Months: April - September
Baits: Worms and small crayfish
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Along turnouts on west shore

STUMP LAKE — 1,036 Acres

Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100
Months: April through July, September & October
Baits: Worms, shrimp & crawdads
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and brush piles

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: April through August
Baits: Worms & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

WELDON SPRINGS — 29.4 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton
Months: June-September
Baits: Worms & crayfish
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow areas on north end of lake

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BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County
Months: December-May
Baits: Prepared baits & worms
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline and bays

CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton Co. 2 miles east of Canton
Months: May to October
Baits: Prepared bait & worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties. Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport adjoin the lake
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms & dough balls
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, shoreline areas and tailwaters

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles from Clinton
Months: June through September
Baits: Dough balls, stink baits and worms
Average Weight: 3 to 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, bays and Grass Island

DECATUR LAKE — 3,093 Acres

Location: Macon County, in Decatur
Months: May - October
Baits: Prepared bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, fallen trees, brush

GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove
Months: May - September
Baits: Dough balls, stink baits & worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, bays and Grass Island

HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Dough balls, prepared baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

HENNEPIN CANAL — 926 Acres

Location: Bureau, Henry and Whiteside Counties, Wyanet to Geneseo
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Worms
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline & snags

FOX RIVER

Location: McHenry, Kane, Kendall and LaSalle Counties
Months: May through October
Baits: Worms and dough balls
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Above or below dams and islands

KANKAKEE RIVER - 59 Miles

Location: Kankakee and Will counties
Months: May through September
Baits: Dough balls
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: State line in early fall, backwaters at Des Plaines Conservation Area, pools behind dams, and tail waters at Kankakee and Wilmington

KASKASKIA RIVER

Location: Randolph & St. Clair Counties
Months: April - October
Baits: Worms & prepared baits
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire river

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, LOCK & DAM 14 Trailwater

Location: Hampton, Illinois
Months: June through September
Baits: Prepared bait & worms
Average Weight: 2 to 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dam on Illinois side

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres

Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: May through September
Baits: Prepared baits and worms
Average Weight: 2-6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, cribs and upper end

PARIS EAST LAKE — 163 Acres

Location: Edgar County, north edge of Paris
Months: April through September
Baits: Prepared bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush, edge of weed beds, fallen trees

ROCK RIVER — 20 Miles

Location: Rock Island County in Moline
Months: May - August
Baits: Worms, dough balls
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dams

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: June - August
Baits: Dough baits
Average Weight: 2 to 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end

SMITHLAND POOL/OHIO RIVER — ILLINOIS TRIBUTARIES

Location: Hardin and Pope Counties
Months: April-October
Baits: Dough balls
Average Weight: 3-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Stream channels

STEPHEN A. FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: 3 miles north of Ramsey
Months: April-October (April & May bow fishing.)
Baits: Dough baits, worms.
Average Weight: 5-15 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weedlines & in shallow coves.

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: April through September
Baits: Nightcrawlers & dough balls
Average Weight: 2-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline & channels

CATFISH, BLUE

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, LOCK & DAM 24

Location: Alton, Illinois and Clarksville-Winfield, Missouri
Months: July-September
Baits: Large shad
Average Weight: 2-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline on bottom and below dams

WABASH RIVER

Location: Wabash, Lawrence, White, Gallatin Counties
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp, & stink bait
Average Weight: 2-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush, riffles



CATFISH, CHANNEL

ARGYLE LAKE — 95 Acres

Location: McDonough County, 2 miles north of Colchester
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms & cheese bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays at dusk or boat dock bay during daylight

BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres

Location: Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin
Months: April through October
Baits: Crayfish, nitecrawlers & cut shad
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

BANNER MARSH—JOHNSON LAKE — 135 Acres

Location: Peoria County, 4 miles northeast of Banner along State route 24
Months: May, June & July
Baits: Crayfish, cutbait, leeches
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville
Months: July, August & September
Baits: Worms, stink baits and shad guts
Average Weight: 1½-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off the peninsula and fish attractors

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville
Months: May, June & September
Baits: Worms & shad
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Upper end

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond & Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport
Months: May through October
Baits: Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches, nitecrawlers & grasshoppers
Average Weight: 1¾ pounds
Areas to Fish: River and creek channels, flooded ridges and tailwaters

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches & worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper creek channels and along dam

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 4-6 pounds
Areas to Fish: North Fork Arm, Creek channels, flooded timber, islands, and Parnell Access & Bridge

COFFEEN LAKE

Location: Montgomery County, 1 mile west of Coffeen
Months: March - October
Baits: Prepared baits, cut shad
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds, back of coves, shoreline

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,695 Acres

Location: Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale
Months: May & June
Baits: Shrimp, cheese baits & cut bait
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Grassy bay, Wolf Creek & Cambria

DALE LAKE — 194 Acres
Location: Wayne Co. 1 mile west of Johnsonville
Months: June-September
Baits: Worms, cut bait, cheese bait
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end points

DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres
Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro
Months: June & July
Baits: Cut bait, leeches & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off dam, steep shoreline and points

EMBARRAS RIVER
Location: Coles to Lawrence Counties
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and below riffles

FOX LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres
Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: June, July, September, January & February
Baits: Golden shiners, nightcrawlers and prepared baits
Average Weight: 1.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Crabapple Island and channels

FOX RIVER
Location: Kane, Kendall, LaSalle and McHenry Counties
Months: May through September
Baits: Stink bait, worms and shrimp
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dams

FRANK HOLTEN MAIN LAKE — 97 Acres
Location: St. Clair County
Months: March-October
Baits: Prepared baits & cut baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

GILLESPIE NEW CITY LAKE — 270 Acres
Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles west of Gillespie on Route 16
Months: May - October
Baits: Cut baits, prepared baits, live baits
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap, points, bays

GLEN SHOALS LAKE — 1,200 Acres
Location: Montgomery County, 1½ miles north of Hillsboro
Months: May - October
Baits: Cut baits, prepared baits, live baits
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap, points, bays

GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres
Location: Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Grass Island and channels

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres
Location: Bond County
Months: May-October
Baits: Cut baits, prepared baits, live baits
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rip-rap, points, bays

HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,995 Acres
Location: Grundy County, southeast of Morris
Months: June through September
Baits: Crayfish, nightcrawlers, cut shad
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, drift fishing open waters

HENNEPIN CANAL AND FEEDER
Location: Bureau, Henry & Whiteside Counties, Wyanet to Geneseo
Months: June through September
Baits: Worms & prepared bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Entire shoreline and snags

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres
Location: Alexander County
Months: June, July, August
Baits: Cut bait, cheese bait
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

ILLINOIS RIVER
Location: Scott County, Naples
Months: July, August, September
Baits: Small shad
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below grain loading facilities

IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles
Location: Iroquois County, Watseka area
Months: June through September
Baits: Chicken livers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep water in Watsëka area

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres
Location: Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: June & July
Baits: Catfish stink bait, cut bait & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off fishing piers, dam and along south shoreline

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles
Location: Will and Kankakee Counties, Kankakee Dam, State Line, Wilmington Dam, Momence Island Park, Des Plaines Conservation Area and Kankakee State Park
Months: May through September
Baits: Stink baits, cheese & crushed minnows
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Above or just below riffles and pool areas

KASKASKIA RIVER — 36 Miles
Location: Clinton, Washington, Randolph, St. Clair Counties
Months: May, June, August, September, October
Baits: Worms, stink baits, shad guts and cut bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brush, trees and pools; around rocks rip-rap

KASKASKIA RIVER — 35 Miles
Location: Douglas, Coles and Moultie Counties, from Rt. 36 south to Allenville
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Around brush and below riffles

LAKE CHARLESTON — Lower Channel — 58 Acres
Location: Coles County, 2 miles southeast of Charleston
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end

LAKE CHARLESTON — SIDE CHANNEL RESERVOIR — 346 Acres
Location: Coles County, 2 miles southwest of Charleston
Months: June, July, August
Baits: Nightcrawlers, stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North and east shore areas

LAKE EUREKA — 30 Acres
Location: Woodford County, in Eureka
Months: May, June, July
Baits: Crayfish, worms, cutbait
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper end and south shore

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres
Location: Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: Summer
Baits: Prepared baits & worms
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallows of upper end and dam

LAKE JACKSONVILLE — 476 Acres
Location: Morgan County, 2 miles south of Jacksonville
Months: April-September
Baits: Cutbait & cheese bait
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

LAKE LE-AQUA-NA — 43 Acres
Location: Stephenson Co: 3 miles north of Lena
Months: June-September
Baits: Prepared bait
Average Weight: 2-6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: May, June & July
Baits: Cut bait, worms & cheese bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Dam rip-rap, coves (4-6 feet deep)

LAKE SARA — 568 Acres
Location: Effingham County, 5 miles northwest of Effingham
Months: May-September
Baits: Cheese, crayfish, minnows, liver, worms
Average Weight: 1.5 -3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper lake, arms and along weed lines

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres
Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay; 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: May through September
Baits: Large shiners, crayfish, leeches, nitecrawlers & shad
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Kaskaskia River, shallow bays, with flooded timber; tailwater areas, flats and submerged ridges

LAKE VERMILION — 666 Acres
Location: Vermilion County, east side of Danville
Months: June through September
Baits: Chicken livers, stink baits and minnows
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Islands and sunken dam

LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres
Location: LaSalle County
Months: April-September
Baits: Worms, stink & cheese bait
Average Weight: 1.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres
Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end

LITTLE WABASH RIVER — 36 Miles
Location: Wayne-White Counties
Months: May-September
Baits: Chicken livers, nightcrawlers
Average Weight: 1-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Brushpiles

MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres
Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Stink baits, cut bait & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Main water pump and new boat ramp

MISSISSIPPI RIVER — 160 Miles
Location: Monroe County to Alexander County
Months: June through October
Baits: Worms, prepared baits, shad guts & cut bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Side channel chutes and around rock rip-rap dikes

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Lock & Dam 24,
Location: Alton, Illinois & Clarksville-Winfield, Mo.
Months: July-September
Baits: Worms & prepared catfish bait
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline on bottom

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 16
Location: Rock Island, between Rock Island, Illinois and Muscatine, Iowa
Months: July through September
Baits: Prepared catfish bait
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Wing dams

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 21, O'Dell Chute — 2 Miles
Location: Adams County, 4 miles downstream of Bear Creek Public Use Area
Months: July-September
Baits: Prepared catfish baits
Average Weight: 1-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Log jams and stumps

NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton
Months: Year around; hot water lake
Baits: Minnows, nitecrawlers, stink bait
Average Weight: 1-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, stick ups, rip-rap

PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres
Location: Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers & cheese baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres
Location: Lake County, Fox Lake
Months: May, June, July, August, September, January & February
Baits: Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Around islands

PITTSFIELD LAKE — 241 Acres
Location: Pike County, 3 miles northeast of Pittsfield
Months: July - August
Baits: Cheese baits and cut shad
Average Weight: 1 to 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Brushy areas

POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres
Location: Southwest of Pekin, Tazewell County
Months: December through October
Baits: Stink baits, dead shad
Average Weight: 1½-1¾ pounds
Areas to Fish: Discharge - winter Intake - summer

RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres
Location: Marion County, mile northeast of Centralia
Months: June, July & August
Baits: Cheese baits & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds

RAMSEY LAKE — 56 Acres

Location: 3 miles north of Ramsey
Months: June, July, August, September.
Baits: Worms, cheese, and liver
Average Weight: 1½ to 4 pounds.
Areas to Fish: Upper ends of major coves.

RED HILLS LAKE — 40 Acres

Location: Lawrence County, 10 miles east of Olney
Months: June - September
Baits: Worms, liver
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser
Months: May through mid-October
Baits: Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches, worms & grasshoppers
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: River and creek channels, flats with 3-6 foot depths and flooded timber

ROCK RIVER — 150 Miles

Location: Winnebago, Ogle, Lee, Whiteside, Rock Island Counties, Rockford, Byron, Grand Detour, Dixon, Sterling, Rock Falls and Milan
Months: March (at mouth of feeder stream), late May through September in main channel
Baits: Shrimp, worms, minnows & stink baits
Average Weight: 1½-2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Tailwaters below dams, below riffles, mouth of tributary streams and deep holes below obstructions

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: May-September
Baits: Worms, stink baits & chicken livers
Average Weight: 2-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays and coves

SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres

Location: Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield
Months: Spring, summer & fall
Baits: Shad & prepared cheese baits
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow arms and east end

SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres

Location: Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville
Months: July - August
Baits: Cheese baits and nightcrawlers
Average Weight: 1 to 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow arms and east end

SHABBONA LAKE — 319 Acres

Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: June through October
Baits: Nitecrawlers & cheese baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

SILVER LAKE — 550 Acres

Location: Madison County, 1 mile north of Highland
Months: June-September
Baits: Stink baits, shad
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, cover

SPOON RIVER — 113.5 Miles

Location: Fulton & Knox counties
Months: March, June, July & August
Baits: Natural & prepared
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upstream side of snags & brush piles

SMITHLAND POOL/OHIO RIVER — ILLINOIS TRIBUTARIES

Location: Hardin and Pope Counties
Months: April - October
Baits: Cutbait, crayfish
Average Weight: 2-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Creek channels

SPRING LAKE SOUTH — 610 Acres

Location: Tazewell County 7 miles west of Manito
Months: May, June and July
Baits: Crayfish, leeches, cutbait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along center levee and turnouts

STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: July & August
Baits: Cheese baits & nitecrawlers
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow upper and end bays

VANDALIA CITY LAKE — 660 Acres

Location: Fayette County, 3 miles northwest of Vandalia
Months: June through October
Baits: Stink baits, nitecrawlers, cheese baits, cut shad, liver
Average Weight: 1-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along center levee, rip-rap, upper lake

VIRGINIA CITY RESERVOIR — 18 Acres

Location: Cass County, 1 mile north of Virginia
Months: May-September
Baits: Prepared baits
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Entire lake

WABASH RIVER — 150 Miles

Location: Clark to Gallatin Counties
Months: June, July, August & September
Baits: Crayfish, shrimp, stink bait, and chicken livers
Average Weight: 1-5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along areas of rapid water, brushpiles

WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres

Location: Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland
Months: June, July, August
Baits: Nightcrawlers, stinkbait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: North end

WASHINGTON LAKE — 248 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers & stink baits
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow bays

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton
Months: May - September
Baits: Stink bait
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flats at night

WAVERLY LAKE — 125 Acres

Location: Morgan County, 2 miles west of Waverly
Months: June-September
Baits: Prepared baits
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Standing timber

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres

Location: Cook County in Chicago
Months: May through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers & crayfish
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along weed beds and rip rap

CATFISH, FLATHEAD

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres

Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport
Months: June through September
Baits: Shad, green sunfish, large shiners & chubs & 1 pound carp & dogfish
Average Weight: 20 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, river and creek channels and tailwater

ILLINOIS RIVER — 54 Miles

Location: Tazewell and Peoria Counties, Peoria Lock and Dam Tailwater, Mouth of Mackinaw River and Kickapoo
Months: June through September
Baits: Live fish (shiners, bullheads, or shad)
Average Weight: 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Channel and deep holes

KASKASKIA RIVER — 25 Miles

Location: Randolph County
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms, cut bait & chubs
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, deep holes and brush

ROCK RIVER — 14 Miles

Location: Lee and Whiteside Counties, river pool between Sterling and Dixon and at Grand Detour
Months: June through September
Baits: Live bluegill
Average Weight: 5-10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep holes

WABASH RIVER

Location: Clark to Gallatin Counties
Months: May-September
Baits: Large shiners, small carp, crayfish
Average Weight: 2-10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Channel, riffle areas



CRAPPIES

BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Yellow jigs, minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Tree top fish attractors

CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres

Location: Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton
Months: April & May
Baits: White crappie jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Over submerged brush

CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County
Months: March & April
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Standing timber and brush

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 507 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, January & February
Baits: Minnows and ice jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Channels

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: April, May, September, October, and ice fishing
Baits: Minnows, jigs, small spinning lures
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded brush and timber, rip-rap

COFFEEN LAKE — 1100 Acres

Location: Montgomery County, 1 miles west of Coffeen
Months: April-June, September - October
Baits: Minnows, jigs, small spinners
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Points, drop-offs, submerged structures

DECATUR LAKE — 3,093 Acres

Location: Macon County, in Decatur
Months: April-May-Sept-October
Baits: Jigs, minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, fallen trees—cover

DEFIANCE LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 48 Acres

Location: McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills State Park
Months: April through June, January & February
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ¼ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush, fish attractors

DIAMOND LAKE — 149.0 Acres

Location: Lake County, in village of Mundelein
Months: Spring, fall and winter
Baits: Jigs and minnows
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds, and deeper holes

FRANK HOLTEN MAIN LAKES — 97 Acres and 80 Acres

Location: St. Clair County
Months: March-May
Baits: Minnows, worms and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres

Location: Bond County
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush

KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro
Months: April
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops and brush

LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres

Location: Whiteside Co. 2 miles north of Marrisra
Months: April, May-September
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and trees

LAKE CHARLESTON — SIDE CHANNEL RESERVOIR — 346 Acres

Location: Coles County, 2 miles southwest of Charleston
Months: Spring & Fall
Baits: Small jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Timber, offshore stickups & weed beds, down trees & brush

LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres

Location: Johnson County, 8 miles south of Marion
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Brush, stickups

LAKE EUREKA — 30 Acres

Location: City of Eureka
Months: April, May & October
Baits: Jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Around weedy areas in upper lake

LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O’Lakes) — 480 Acres

Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: March, April, October & November
Baits: Small jigs & spinners
Average Weight: ⅓-½ pound
Areas to Fish: Channels

LAKE LOU YEAGER — 1,700 Acres

Location: Montgomery County, northeast edge of Litchfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Underwater structures and brush piles

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres

Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: April
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Submerged tree tops, brush and fish attractors

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: April, May, June, September & October
Baits: Minnows, jigs & small spinning lures
Average Weight: ⅔ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded brush and timber, rock rip-rap and tailwater

LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: Spring & fall
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Underwater structures

LAKE VERMILION — 666 Acres

Location: Vermilion County, east of Danville
Months: April through June and September through November
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ to ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees around islands

LINCOLN TRAIL LAKE — 146 Acres

Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: April, May, June & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush

MILL CREEK LAKE - 811 Acres

Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: April-May-June-September-October
Baits: Minnows, jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Standing timber

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 21, Willow Slough — 1.5 Miles

Location: Adams County, Quincy, Illinois
Months: May - June, September - October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ¼-1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush and shoreline cover

RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres

Location: Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia
Months: March, April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Along weedbeds

REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres

Location: Franklin and Jefferson Counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sessor
Months: March to mid-June, September & October
Baits: Minnows, jigs & spinner baits
Average Weight: ⅔ pound
Areas to Fish: Flooded brush and timber, river and creek channels

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres

Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, May & June
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and tree tops

SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres

Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: April-May & August-September
Baits: Jigs & minnows
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Tree Line

SMITHLAND POOL/OHIO RIVER — ILLINOIS TRIBUTARIES

Location: Hardin and Pope Counties
Months: April-November
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½-¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Trees and brush

SPRING LAKE - 277 Acres

Location: McDonough County, 1 mile north of Macomb
Months: April & May
Baits: Jigs and minnows
Average Weight: ¼ to ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap and submerged brush

STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres

Location: Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy
Months: April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Weedbeds and submerged tree tops

STUMP LAKE AREA (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres

Location: Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton off Rt. 100
Months: April, May, September & October
Baits: Minnows
Average Weight: ½ to 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Brush piles and submerged tree tops

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres

Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: April through May; September through October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton
Months: May and September, and ice fishing
Baits: Minnows and jigs
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees, brushpiles, and along old dam

FRESHWATER DRUM

DECATUR LAKE — 3,093 Acres

Location: Macon Co. in Decatur
Months: April to September
Baits: Nightcrawlers, minnows, jigs
Average Weight: 1-2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline flats

HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April to September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures
Average Weight: 1 ½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, open water, near bridge

ILLINOIS RIVER — 36 Miles

Location: Mason County, at Havana
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms and Minnows
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Conservation Department's Havana Fisheries Station

KANKAKEE RIVER

Location: Will County
Months: April through September
Baits: Nitecrawlers, minnows
Average Weight: 1½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Wilmington Dam downstream to Des Plaines C.A.'s river launch access

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, SYLVAN SLOUGH

Location: Rock Island County in Moline
Months: May - August
Baits: Worms and minnows
Average Weight: 1½ pounds

POWERTON LAKE — 1,426 Acres

Location: Southwest edge of Pekin, Tazewell County
Months: April, May, and October
Baits: Worms and shad
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Intake and discharge channels

MUSKELLUNGE

CLINTON LAKE (Tiger Muskie) — 5,000 Acres

Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Bucktail spinner
Average Weight: 10-12 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flooded timber, coves & points

FOX CHAIN O’LAKES SYSTEM — 6,500 Acres

Location: Lake and McHenry Counties
Months: April-May, September-October
Baits: Crank baits, spoons, spinner baits
Average Weight: 6-10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed lines, drop offs, backwater and channel areas

GLENN SHOALS LAKE (Tiger Muskie) - 1,700 Acres

Location: Montgomery County, 1½ miles north of Hillsboro
Months: March through October
Baits: Cranks, spinners, plastic worms
Average Weight: 6 to 20 pounds
Areas to Fish: Coves, shoreline

HEIDECKE LAKE (Pure and Tiger Muskie) — 1,955 Acres

Location: Grundy County
Months: April, September
Baits: Crank baits, spinners and plastic worms
Average Weight: 10-12 pounds
Areas to Fish: Natural shorelines

HOMER LAKE — 81 Acres

Location: Champaign County, 2 miles north of Homer
Months: April-October
Baits: Live minnows, spoons & spinners
Average Weight: 2 pounds
Areas to Fish: Fallen trees and weed beds

LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres

Location: Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison
Months: April to October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 10-20 pound
Areas to Fish: Offshore weed beds

LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres

Location: Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia
Months: April-June & September & October
Baits: Cranks & plastic worms
Average Weight: 10 to 20 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bays, wood shoreline near fallen trees

LAKE SHELBYVILLE (Muskie) — 11,100 Acres

Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: April, May, September, October
Baits: Large bucktail spinners, eddy juniors
Average Weight: 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock bars and off gravel points flooded vegetation in spring

OTTER LAKE — 765 Acres

Location: Macoupin County, 5 miles west of Girard
Months: March-October
Baits: Spinner and crank baits, plastic worms
Average Weight: 20 pounds
Areas to Fish: Coves and shoreline

LAKE SPRINGFIELD (Tiger Muskie) — 4,324 Acres

Location: Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield
Months: May - October
Baits: Spinner baits
Average Weight: 6 to 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow end of lake, lotus beds

SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres

Location: DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona
Months: June-August
Baits: Bucktail spinner
Average Weight: 10-20 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shallow, weedy areas

SPRING LAKE NORTH — 578 Acres

Location: Tazewell County, 12 miles southwest of Pekin
Months: June - September
Baits: Surface plugs, bucktails, jig & eel
Average Weight: 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weed beds and along east shore



NORTHERN PIKE

CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE — 507 Acres

Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, September through November
Baits: Live minnows & artificial lures
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off sandbar in cove and along edge of weedbeds

EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres

Location: Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April, May, October, January & February
Baits: Golden shiners, spoons & flatfish
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Off weedbeds

LAKE LE AQUA-NA — 43 Acres
Location: Stephenson County, 3 miles north of Lena
Months: April through October
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 3 to 10 pounds
Areas to Fish: Upper shoreline and weedbeds

LAKE MARIE — 480 Acres
Location: Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173
Months: April through June, September through November
Baits: Live minnows and artificial lures
Average Weight: 5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along north shoreline

STERLING LAKE — 73 Acres
Location: Lake County, Route 173 and Route 41
Months: May, September, January & February
Baits: Large minnows, artificial lures
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along shoreline

WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres
Location: Cook County, in Chicago
Months: Early spring
Baits: Live shiners
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Weedy sections of lake

REDEAR SUNFISH

DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres
Location: Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro
Months: June
Baits: Spinner worm combination, crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds in shallow water (8-12 feet deep) in late summer

DUTCHMAN LAKE — 118 Acres
Location: Johnson County, 3 miles southeast of Goreville
Months: May - June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres
Location: Alexander County, at Olive Branch
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

LAKE MINGO — 170 Acres
Location: Vermilion County — 4 miles north of Danville
Months: June-September
Baits: Redworms, wax worms, crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Deep timbered areas & weed beds

MERMET LAKE — 450 Acres
Location: Massac County, 1 mile west of Mermet
Months: June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres
Location: Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan
Months: June through September
Baits: Crickets & worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Entire shoreline

JONES LAKE — 105 Acres
Location: Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality
Months: May & June
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Fish attractors

LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawn beds

LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres
Location: Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall
Months: May through September
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Around brush and edge of weedbeds

MILL CREEK LAKE — 811 Acres
Location: Clark County, ½ mile west of Clarksville
Months: May - September
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weedbeds and brush

RANDOLPH CO. CONS. AREA — 65 Acres
Location: Randolph County, 5 miles N. of Chester
Months: May and June
Baits: Crickets
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Shoreline

SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres
Location: Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton
Months: April, October
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Stickups and deeper bays

SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres
Location: Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville
Months: May & June
Baits: Crickets, redworms & meal worms
Average Weight: ⅓ to ½ pound
Areas to Fish: North and east arms

VIRGINIA CITY RESERVOIR — 18 Acres
Location: Cass County, 1 mile north of Virginia
Months: May - June
Baits: Crickets, red worms
Average Weight: ⅓ pound
Areas to Fish: Stick ups and deep coves

WALNUT POINT LAKE — 59 Acres
Location: Douglas County, 5 miles north of Oakland
Months: May - September
Baits: Worms & crickets
Average Weight: ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weedbeds

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 248 Acres
Location: Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville
Months: May
Baits: Crickets, meal worms & red wigglers
Average Weight: ½ pound
Areas to Fish: Spawning beds

WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29.4 Acres
Location: DeWitt County, 2 miles east of Clinton
Months: June-Sept.
Baits: Redworms & wax worms
Average Weight: ½ - ¾ pound
Areas to Fish: Edge of weed beds and drop offs

TROUT

The Department of Conservation stocks a number of water areas with trout in the spring and fall. Locations are announced by a news release.



WALLEYE

CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres
Location: Clinton, Bond and Fayette Counties, at Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder
Months: June through October
Baits: Spinning lures, jigs & deep running plugs
Average Weight: 2½ pounds
Areas to Fish: Rock rip-rap, around islands and tailwaters

CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres
Location: DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton
Months: April through October
Baits: Jigs, minnows & artificial lures
Average Weight: 3-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, rocky shelves, points and rip-rap around bridges

FOX CHAIN O’LAKE SYSTEM — 6,500 Acres
Location: Lake and McHenry Counties
Months: April & May, September & October
Baits: Artificial lures, jigs and minnows, plastic worms
Average Weight: 2 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Best lakes: Marie, Channel Catherine, Pistakee and Fox. Fish drop-offs, sand bars, islands, Route 12 and 173 bridges.

FOX RIVER — 78 miles
Location: Lake, McHenry, Kane and Kendall Counties
Months: April & May, September & October
Baits: Jigs and minnow/leech combinations, artificial lures
Average Weight: 1.6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below dams, rocky areas and holes

HEIDECKE LAKE — 1,955 Acres
Location: Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris
Months: April-June, September
Baits: Nightcrawlers, minnows, artificial lures
Average Weight: 2¾ pounds
Areas to Fish: Shoreline, troll open water, especially north side

ILLINOIS RIVER — 50 Miles
Location: LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall and Peoria Counties. Tailwaters of the Starved Rock and Peoria dams. Mouths of Vermillion, Fox, Big Sandy, Crow Creek, Kickapoo Creek, Mackinaw River and rocky shorelines adjacent to the channel.

Months: February, March, April, May
Baits: Jigs, minnows, night crawlers
Average Weight: 2 pounds (Walleye and Sauger)
Areas to Fish: Dropoffs, sandbars, rocky ledges, holes off channel, wing dams and over pea gravel along channel and over old shell beds

KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles
Location: Will and Kankakee Counties
Months: Early spring, mid-summer & fall
Baits: Artificial lures
Average Weight: 1-3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Early spring, mouth of tributaries and below Kankakee. Wilmington and Momence dams; mid-summer, below Rt. 53 bridge in Wilmington; fall, below dams

KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres
Location: Jackson County, 5 miles N.W. of Murphysboro
Months: March, April
Baits: Artificial lures, trolled over points, jigs
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points and shelves near the dam

LAKE BLOOMINGTON — 635 Acres
Location: McLean County — 10 miles north of Bloomington
Months: May-October
Baits: Jigs, crank baits, spoons
Average Weight: 3-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Points in 5-15 feet

LAKE MINGO — 170 Acres
Location: Vermilion County, 4 miles north of Danville
Months: May-October
Baits: Jigs, Crank baits, spoons
Average Weight: 3-4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Dam and points

LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres
Location: Shelby and Moultrie Counties adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan
Months: April through October
Baits: Jigs & minnow combination & spinning lines
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Flooded ridges, drop off, flats, Kaskaskia River and tailwater

LAKE VERMILION — 666 Acres
Location: Vermilion County, eastside of Danville
Months: May - October
Baits: Jigs, crank baits, spoons
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: Bridge, islands and dam

LA SALLE LAKE — 2,035 Acres
Location: LaSalle County
Months: April, May, September (Winter — Discharge Canal)
Baits: Minnow, jigs, crankbaits
Average Weight: 1.25 pounds
Areas to Fish: Deep areas in lake rip-rapped shoreline.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 12, 13, 15 and 18
Location: JoDavieess, Carroll, Rock Island, and Mercer Counties
Months: March, April, October
Baits: Minnows & jigs
Average Weight: 1 to 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Below locks & dams & wing dams

ROCK RIVER — 114 Miles
Location: Winnebago, Ogle, Lee and Whiteside Counties
Months: April-June, September-November
Baits: Leadheads w/twister tail, minnows
Average Weight: 1 pound
Areas to Fish: Below dams, areas where current breaks

SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres
Location: DeKalb County
Months: May, June, September, November
Baits: Minnows, nightcrawlers, jigs
Average Weight: 1.5 pounds
Areas to Fish: Dam face, submerged road, standing timber

LAKE MICHIGAN

Location: Cook and Lake Counties, entire Illinois portion

COHO SALMON



Months: April through June, September and October
Baits: Nightcrawlers and alewives in April and May from the shore; trolling offshore in May and June using flies and dodgers, squids and dodgers, plugs, and spoons; spawn from the shore and plugs and spoons cast from shore or trolled near harbor areas in September and October; fall snagging in designated areas only (see areas open to snagging).
Average Weight: 2 pounds in spring to 6 pounds in fall
Areas to Fish: Troll mid-depths to surface at water temperatures from 52°F to 59°F

CHINOOK SALMON

Months: July, August, September and October.
Baits: Trolling offshore in July and August using flies and dodgers, squids and dodgers, plugs, and spoons; spawn from the shore and plugs & spoons cast from the shore & trolled near harbor areas in Sept. & Oct.; fall snagging in designated area only. (See areas open to snagging).



Average Weight: 7 pounds in spring to 15 pounds in fall
Areas to Fish: Trolling where water temperature is from 52°F to 59°F.

RAINBOW TROUT (Steelhead)



Months: May through August; October through April
Baits: Nightcrawlers, spawn, alewives, flies and dodgers, squids and dodgers, spoons, and plugs.
Average Weight: 4 pounds
Areas to Fish: From the shore during spring and fall months; trolling offshore from May through August where water temperature is near 55°-60°F; at warm water discharges during winter months.

YELLOW PERCH

Months: May through September, January, February
Baits: Redworms, minnows, crayfish, spinners & jigs; grubs, maggots in winter
Average Weight: 1/3 pound
Areas to Fish: In harbors and rocky areas along the shore in summer months; in harbors and through the ice during winter months.

SMELT



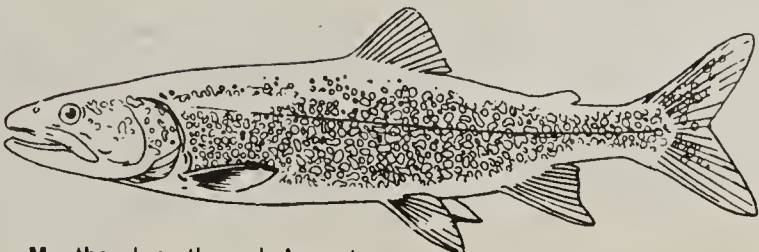
Months: April
Baits: Small mesh gill nets, dip nets, and seines (see 1989 Guide to Illinois Fishing Regulations for legal sizes of nets).
Average Weight: 1-2 ounces
Areas to Fish: Chicago Park District properties (check local seasonal regulations), from piers and breakwaters, and seining along shoreline at Illinois Beach State Park

BROWN TROUT



Months: October through May
Baits: Nightcrawlers, spawn, smelt, alewives, spoons, spinners and plugs.
Average Weight: 3 pounds
Areas to Fish: Along the shoreline in spring and fall months; at warmwater discharge areas during winter months.

LAKE TROUT



Months: June through August
Baits: Spoons, plugs, flies and dodgers
Average Weight: 6 pounds
Areas to Fish: Troll from mid-depths to bottom in water where temperature is near 50°F

Charter Boat Fishing On Lake Michigan

Charter boats are available for salmon and trout fishing on half and full day trips April through October. For further information, call the Department of Conservation's Chicago Office, 312/917-3447.

Areas Open To Snagging

Snagging for chinook and coho salmon only is permitted from the following Lake Michigan shoreline areas. Dates for this snagging will be announced publicly by the Department of Conservation. No snagging is allowed at any time within 200 feet of a moored watercraft or as otherwise posted.

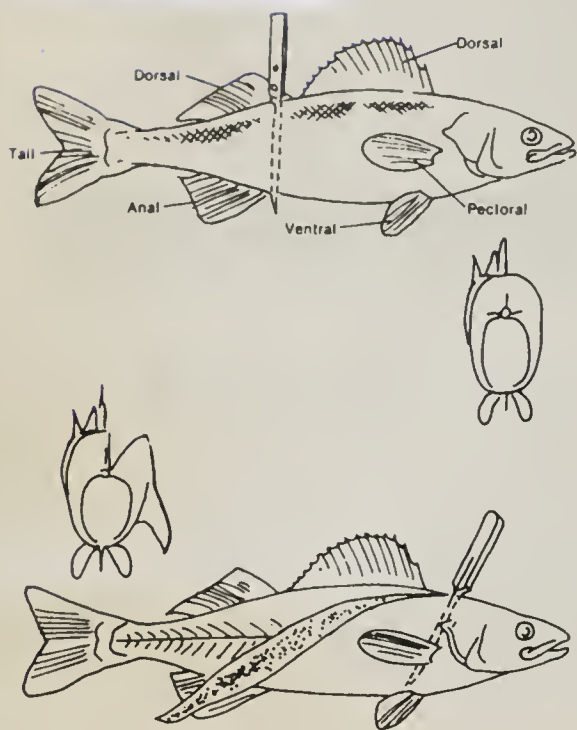
- (1) Lincoln Park Lagoon from the Fullerton Avenue Bridge to the southern end of the Lagoon; (2) Waukegan Harbor, old harbor area only - not in the new south harbor; (3) Winnetka Power Plant discharge area and the Waukegan Power Plant discharge area; (4) Jackson Harbor (inner and outer harbors).

SPORT FISH HEALTH ADVISORIES FOR ILLINOIS WATERS

WATERBODY	GROUP 1 Lowest Level of Contaminants	GROUP 2 Moderate Level of Contaminants	GROUP 3 High Level of Contaminants
Clinton Lake	Channel Catfish		
Crab Orchard Lake (West of Wolf Creek Rd.)	Bullheads White Crappie Carp Largemouth Bass Bluegill Channel Catfish up to 15"		Channel Catfish 15" or longer
Crab Orchard Lake (East of Wolf Creek Rd.)	Bullheads White Crappie Channel Catfish up to 15"	Bluegill Largemouth Bass	Carp Channel Catfish 15" or longer
Des Plaines River (Lockport to to Kankakee R.)		Smallmouth Buffalo Freshwater Drum Channel Catfish	Carp
Illinois River (Kankakee R. to Starved Rock Lock & Dam)			Carp
Lake Bracken		Largemouth Bass Bluegill Crappie	Carp Channel Catfish
Lake Decatur		Channel Catfish Flathead Catfish Bigmouth Buffalo	
Lake Michigan	Lake Trout up to 20" Coho Salmon up to 26" Chinook Salmon up to 21" Brook Trout Rainbow Trout Pink Salmon Smelt Perch	Lake Trout 20-23" Coho Salmon over 26" Chinook Salmon 21-32" Brown Trout up to 23"	Lake Trout over 23" Chinook Salmon over 32" Brown Trout over 23" Carp Catfish
(Applies to waters of the States of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin)			
Lake Springfield	White Crappie Carp under 26" Flathead Catfish under 16"	Largemouth Bass over 15" Bigmouth Buffalo	Channel Catfish Carp over 26" Flathead Catfish over 16"

WATERBODY	GROUP 1 Lowest Level of Contaminants	GROUP 2 Moderate Level of Contaminants	GROUP 3 High Level of Contaminants
Lake Taylorville		Carp Channel Catfish Bigmouth Buffalo	
Mississippi River (Lock & Dam 22 to Cairo)			Shovelnose Sturgeon Sturgeon Eggs
Mississippi River (Confluence Des Moines R. — Lock & Dam 20)		Carp Channel Catfish	
Mississippi River (Lock & Dam 24- Lock & Dam 25)		Channel Catfish	
Mississippi River (Confluence Illinois R.-Alton)		Carp Channel Catfish	
Mississippi River (Jefferson Barracks Bridge- Ft. Chartres)			Carp Channel Catfish
Mississippi River (Ft. Chartres- Cairo)		Carp Channel Catfish	
GROUP 1: Contaminant levels in 10 percent or less of fish tested in this group exceed any FDA health standards. EATING GROUP 1 FISH POSES THE LOWEST HEALTH RISK.			
GROUP 2: Contaminant levels in more than 10 percent but less than 50 percent of fish tested in this group exceeded one or more FDA health standards. NURSING MOTHERS, PREGNANT WOMEN, WOMEN WHO ANTICIPATE BEARING CHILDREN, FEMALE CHILDREN OF ANY AGE, AND MALE CHILDREN AGE 15 OR UNDER SHOULD NOT EAT GROUP 2 FISH. ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS SHOULD LIMIT THEIR CONSUMPTION OF THESE FISH, to no more than one meal per week, and heed the preparation and cooking recommendations given below.			
GROUP 3: Contaminant levels in 50 percent or more of fish tested in this group exceeded one or more FDA health standards. NO ONE SHOULD EAT GROUP 3 FISH.			
PREPARATION AND COOKING RECOMMENDATIONS: Sport fish can be prepared and cooked in ways which will reduce the presence of fat soluble contaminants in the edible portion. These techniques included removal of the skin and fatty tissue associated with the belly, lateral line, and dorsal area of large fish and cooking by baking, broiling on a rack or barbecuing so the fatty oil can drip away from the finished meal.			

Filleting Perch and Bass

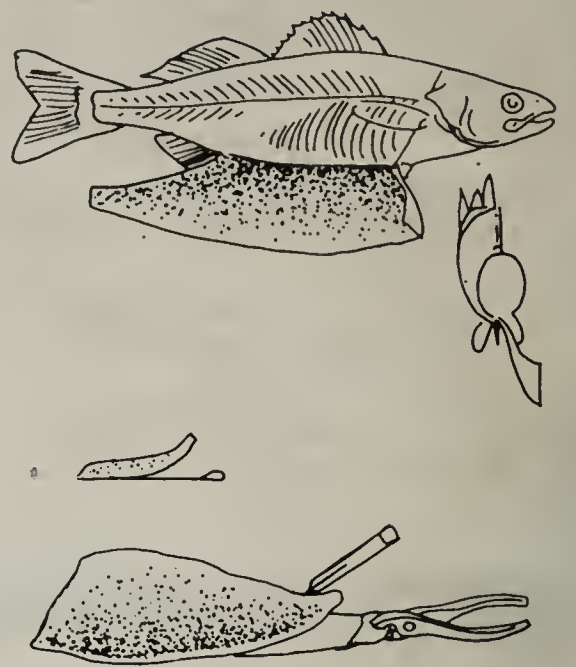


1 To save the most meat and fewest bones try this method: Cut along back on one side of dorsal fin. Insert blade all the way through body and out belly just behind vent. Slice along edge of anal fin, with blade sliding along backbone until reaching tail. Cut fillet loose and repeat on other side.

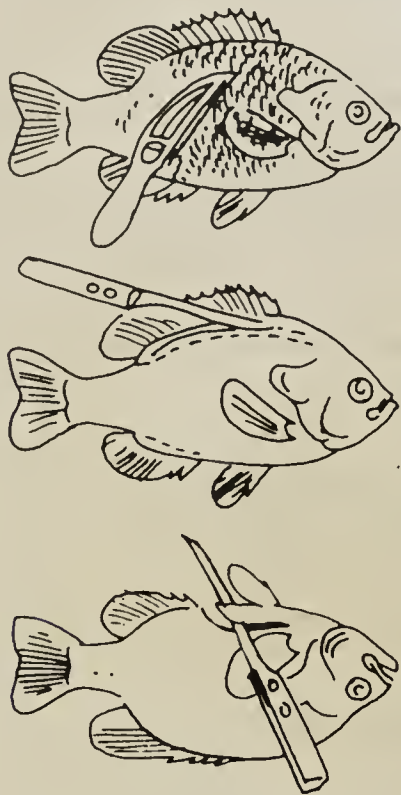
2 Slice on an angle from the top of back to belly just behind head, pectoral fin, and pelvic fin. Repeat slice on other side of body, or finish one side at a time.

3 Insert knife blade in original cut (Step 1) and slice downward freeing meat from rib cage. After working down over main part of ribs, keep cutting as close against lower ribs as possible until reaching belly. Cut through the belly, separating fillet from body.

4 Lay fillet skin flat on table. With a heavy, flat knife cut down into fillet leaving tab for holding skin. Pull on skin and use knife in a see-saw motion. Don't slice the meat off, but scrape it off with the blade and by pulling the skin.



Dressing Sunfish (use this method for smaller fish.)



1 Using a knife or scraper, scrape off scales toward the head.

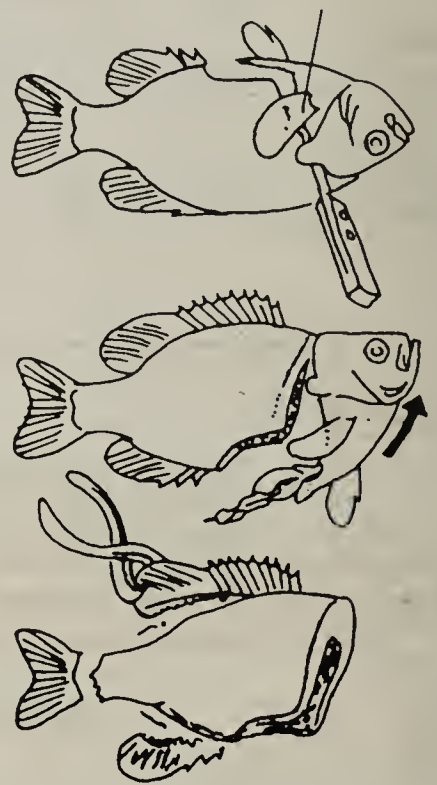
2 Hold knife parallel to fins; cut along each side of dorsal and anal fins $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep for later removal.

3 Hold fish upside-down with its back resting on table and cut immediately behind vent. Slip knife forward under skin.

4 Continue cutting to pectoral fin. Lay fish flat and make deep cut on both sides of body behind pectoral fin.

5 Pull head upward to break the backbone. Head will tear loose; entrails, pectoral, and pelvic fins will be removed.

6 Remove dorsal and anal fins, loosened in Step 2, by pulling away and forward from the body. Cut off the tail.



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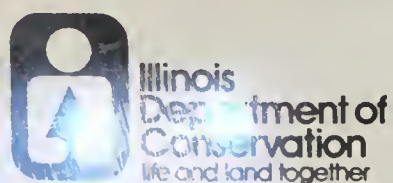
The Illinois Department of Conservation wants to help raise the education level of Illinois

children and their parents concerning fundamental conservation facts and theories. Specifically, we need to set aside unique and endangered natural areas; continue to manage and preserve existing resources; understand man's place in nature and our abilities to accommodate one another; take individual responsibility for preserving and protecting nature and leave a legacy of

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How Can I Become A Member? Contact:



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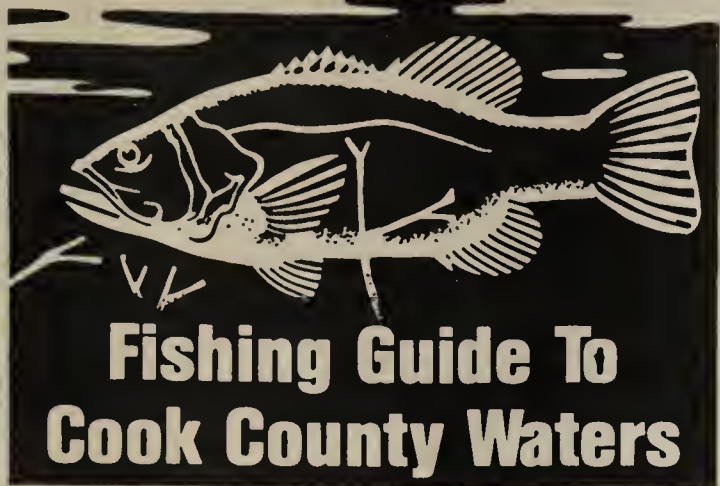
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This guide lists Cook County waters open to public fishing, and also the location, size, depth and principal kinds of fish in each water area. Where available, public transportation is also noted.

A publication "Fishing Guide to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County" and depth contour maps of many lakes in the Forest Preserve District are available upon request from: Cook County Forest Preserve District, Conservation Department, 536 N. Harlem Ave., River Forest, Illinois 60305.

FISHING REGULATIONS

The Forest Preserve District works with the Illinois Department of Conservation to provide quality hook and line fishing. Nearly all State rules and regulations hold true for fishing in the preserves. One exception is that **bow and arrow fishing for rough fish is not permitted in the preserves**. Also waters in the forest preserves are designated FISH PRESERVES — fishermen are limited to **two lines with no more than two hooks per line and no trolley lines**.

A valid Illinois hook and line fishing license is required except for persons that are under 16, disabled or blind, or over 65 years of age. In addition, anyone required to have a valid fishing license must have a State trout and salmon stamp when fishing for trout withing the Forest Preserve District trout lakes.

There are no State regulations on daily limits, length limits and closed seasons concerning fishes found in forest preserve water, excluding three exceptions. These are: **no more than 6** largemouth bass or smallmouth bass, regardless of size, may be taken in one day; **no more than 3** northern pike may be taken in one day (and these must be 24 inches long, or longer); and **no more than 5** trout may be taken in one day. Use of minnow seine is not allowed except in the Des Plaines River for bait collecting.

Special Forest Preserves Regulations regarding size limits on bass and walleye are also imposed on designated waters of the District and these special rules will be posted. These experimental regulations are to prevent the excessive removal of undersized bass and walleye, and to improve the fishing thru protection of our major predator fish. We ask the fishing public to respect and obey these regulations on lakes so posted.

Ice Fishing is permitted on designated forest preserve lakes during winter months when the ice has become four or more inches thick. Public announcements are made in the news media when conditions permit such fishing and which lakes are open during each year.

ILLEGAL ACTIONS

It is unlawful to release any fish (including minnows or goldfish) in any Cook County waters, except in the waters from which they are taken, without having first secured permission from the Conservation Department of the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

It is illegal to abandon, deposit or throw away any wire, can, bottle, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard boxes, wood cartons, trees, parts of trees, brush or other insoluble material (including animal or vegetable material) into the waters or on the ice of any waters of the County, or in any place on the bank of waters in the County, where it shall be liable to be washed into the waters by storms, floods, or other causes.

BOATING REGULATIONS

No private watercraft are allowed on Chicago Park District Lagoons or on Cook County Forest Preserve District waters, except as listed below under **BOATING WATERS**. (No private watercraft permitted on District waters overnight. No outboard or electric motors allowed on District waters except as listed.) **ACCEPTABLE WATERCRAFT AS PER CURRENT FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT REGULATIONS**.

BOATING WATERS (Motors Allowed)

DES PLAINES RIVER: Wheeling, IL to Lemond, IL for all watercraft. One ramp at Plank Rd. Meadow which is located N. of Ogden Ave. just E. of First Ave. in Lyons, IL.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER: For all watercraft. Two ramps; one north of Jackson St. E. of Ashland Ave.; the other is S. of 131st St., W. of the Calumet Expressway.

BOATING WATERS (Electric Motors Only) (Outboard motors must be removed from boat.)

BECK LAKE: N. of Central Rd. E. of River Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramps available off of parking area.

BIG BEND LAKE: S.W. corner of Golf and Bender Roads. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramp available off of parking area.

BUSSE LAKE: S. of Higgins Rd., between I-290 (Rt. 53) and Arlington Heights Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats are allowed in the South Pool and the Main Lake. Access to ramps off of Higgins Rd. Just E. of I-290 (Rt. 53).

DES PLAINES RIVER: Three carry-in launching areas: (1) Stony Ford which is S. off of Joliet Rd., ½ mile W. of Harlem Ave.; (2) Columbia Woods off of Willow Springs Rd. just across river from Willow Springs, IL; (3) Lemont Landing off of Stevens St. in Lemont, IL. **I & M CANAL:** Willow Springs area — enter at Willow Springs Rd. — canoes only.

POWDERHORN LAKE: N. of Brainard Ave. E. of Burnham Ave. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats.

MAPLE LAKE: S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. Canoe and rowboat rental — no private rowboats.

SAGANASHKEE SLOUGH: S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd.

SKOKIE LAGOONS: E. of Edens Expressway, W. of Winnetka, between Willow and Dundee Rds. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats.

TAMPIER LAKE: W. of Wolf Rd., S. of 131 St. Rowboat rental. Private rowboats. Launch from west parking lot only.

TURTLEHEAD LAKE: S. of 135th St. on W. side of Harlem Ave. Sailboats only.

COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE FISHING WATERS

ARROWHEAD LAKE: 131st St. and Harlem Ave. just S. of Palos Heights, Area 14 acres. Depths to 12 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie. Depth contour map available.

AXEHEAD LAKE: On the corner of Touhy Ave. and River Rd. E. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 17 acres. Depths to 31 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), perch, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads, crappie. Trout are stocked each spring and fall. Depth contour map is available.

BECK LAKE: Two and one-half miles N.E. of Des Plaines, N. off of Central Rd., ¼ mile W. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 38 acres. Depths to 22 feet. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted. Launch ramp available. Electric motors permitted. Largemouth bass, bluegill, perch, channel catfish, bullheads, crappie, walleye. Depth contour map is available.

BELLEAU LAKE: W. of Tri-State Tollway of Busse Hwy. Area 12 acres. Depths to 35 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, bullhead. Trout are stocked each spring and fall. Depth contour map is available.

BIG BEND LAKE: N.E. of Des Plaines at S.W. corner of Golf and Bender Rd. Area 22 acres. Depths to 29 feet. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted. Launch ramp available. Electric motors permitted. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, yellow bass, crappie, bullheads, carp, northern pike.

BODE LAKE: Two lakes, 3 miles N. of Hanover Park, 4 miles E. of Elgin on Bode Rd., 1 mile W. of Barrington Rd. Combined area 20 acres. Depths to 23 feet in South Lake. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, northern pike, sunfishes, carp, channel catfish, perch, bullhead. Depth contour map is available.

BULLFROG LAKE: Two miles S.W. of Willow Springs, ½ mile S. of 5th St. off of Wolf Rd. Area 16 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, crappie, bullhead. Depth contour map available.

BUSSE LAKE: S. of Higgins Rd. between Interstate 290 and Arlington Heights Rd. Total area of 590 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Three separate bodies of water: N. lateral pool (24 acres); S. lateral pool (146 acres); main lake (419 acres). Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted on main lake S. of Higgins Rd. and on S. lateral pool. Boat launch ramp available. Electric motors permitted. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, sunfishes, channel catfish, walleye, white bass, carp, crappie. Depth contour map available.

CERMAK QUARRY: Near Cermak Swimming Pool on Ogden Ave., ½ mile W. of Harlem Ave. in the village of Lyons. Area 2 acres. Depths to 20 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, channel catfish, carp. Depth contour map available.

DES PLAINES RIVER: This largest natural stream in Cook County winds 50 miles between Wheeling and Lemont with 32 miles bordered by Forest Preserves. Cleaner waters, best fishing are between Wheeling and Rosemont. Has northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, crappie, channel catfish, yellow bass, carp, goldfish, suckers. Open to all boating (with one ramp in Lyons, N. of Ogden Ave., E. of First Ave.; another launching site in Willow Springs, W. of Willow Springs Rd. on N. bank of river). Public transportation to river.

FLATFOOT LAKE: Two miles N.E. of Calumet on W. side of Calumet Expressway (with entrance from expressway going S.) Area 15 acres. Depths to 1' et. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp, goldfish, perch. Depth contour map is available.

HORSETAIL LAKE: On E. side of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), N. of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.). Area 11 acres. Depth to 24 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, channel catfish, perch. Depth contour map is available.

IDA LAKE: One-half mile S. of Highway 66 and 1 mile N. of Interstate 55 on W. side of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 10 acres. Depths to 16 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, sunfishes, channel catfish, bullheads. Depth contour map available.

JOE'S POND: On W. side of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), 1 mile S. of 95th St. Area 8 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish, bullheads, perch. Depth contour map available.

MAPLE LAKE: Located on the S. side of 95th St. ½ mile W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.) Four parking areas around the lake. Rowboat rental for fishing and pleasure at the W. parking lot off of Wolf Rd. from April through October. Electric motors permitted. Area 55 acres. Depths to 22 feet. Can be reached by the Valley Transit Bus Line to Rt. 171 to 95th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, perch, channel catfish. Depth contour map is available.

MIDLOTHIAN RESERVOIR: On W. side of Cicero Ave. at 167th St. in Oak Forest. Area 25 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Connected with Midlothian Creek with resultant water level fluctuations. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, bullhead. Depth contour map available.

PAPOOSE LAKE: On S. side of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.), ¼ mile W. of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 18 acres. Depths to 10 feet. Largemouth bass (14" length limit), bluegill, bullhead, crappie. Depth contour map is available.

POTAWATOMI LAKE: One-half mile E. of Wheeling. N. side of Dundee Rd., E. of the Des Plaines River, Area 4.0 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads.

POWDERHORN LAKE: Two miles N. of Calumet City, ½ mile E. of Burnham Ave. on N. side of Brainard Ave. Area 35 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Marsh to N. a Wildlife Refuge — no fishing allowed. Electric motors permitted. Private rowboats, sailboats, canoes allowed. Northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, yellow perch, bullhead, sunfishes, channel catfish, carp. Depth contour map is available.

SAG QUARRY EAST: Near village of Sag Bridge off of Rt. 83, ½ mile S. of Calumet-Sag Canal bridge on old Archer Ave. Parking along road. Area 12 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, carp, crappie, channel catfish, bullheads. Trout stocked each spring. Use Valley Transit Bus Rt. 171 to Sag Bridge. Depth contour map is available.

SAG QUARRY WEST: Same location as Sag Quarry East except on W. side of Old Archer Ave. Area 15 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, northern pike.

SAGANASHKEE SLOUGH: Along 107th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), parking on E. and W. side of slough. Area 325 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, carp, bullheads. Depth contour map available.

SCHILLER POND: W. of Cumberland Ave., N. of Irving Park Rd. Area 6 acres. Depths to 8 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp, channel catfish. Depth contour map available.

SKOKIE LAGOONS: E. of Edens Expressway, W. of Winnetka, between Willow and Dundee Rds. Seven interconnected lagoons with a total area of 190 acres. Depths to 10 feet. Private rowboats, sailboats and canoes are allowed. Launching ramps S. of Tower Rd., E. of Edens Expressway. Electric motors permitted. Largemouth bass, bluegill, carp, crappie, bullheads.

TAMPIER LAKE: Between Wolf and Will-Cook Rds., S. of 131st St. Area 160 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, white bass, northern pike, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp. Boat rental at W. end of the lake off of Will-Cook Rd. Depth contour map is available. Electric motors permitted.

TUMA LAKE: E. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), 1 mile S. of 95th St. No parking except along road at Joe's Pond. Area of 5.0 acres. Depths to 10 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead.

TURTLE HEAD LAKE: One and one-quarter mile S. of Palos Heights on the W. side of Harlem Ave. Area 12 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, sunfishes, bullhead. Depth contour map is available.

WAMPUM LAKE: One mile E. of Thornton, N. off of Thornton-Lansing Rd. Area 35 acres. Depths to 13 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, smallmouth bass, sunfishes, channel catfish, perch, crappie, bullheads. Depth contour map is available.

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT LAGOONS

COLUMBUS PARK LAGOON: 500 S. Central. Area 5.6 acres. Depths to 6.5 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.
DOUGLAS PARK LAGOON: 1401 S. Sacramento Ave. Area 25.3 acres. Depths to 6 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.
GARFIELD PARK LAGOON: 100 N. Central Park. Area 13.7 acres. Depths to 12 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.
GOMPERS PARK LAGOON: 4224 W. Foster Ave. Area 1 acre. Depths to 4 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp, bluegill.

HUMBOLDT PARK LAGOON: 1400 N. Sacramento Ave. Area 19.9 acres. Depths to 7.5 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.
JACKSON PARK (COLUMBIA BASIN): 6401 S. Stoney Island. Area 38.6 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp, largemouth bass.
LINCOLN PARK NORTH: 2045 N. Lincoln Park West. Area 9.3 acres. Depths to 4 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.
LINCOLN PARK SOUTH: 2045 N. Lincoln Park West. Area 6.9 acres. Depths to 4 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.

MARQUETTE PARK LAGOON: 6700 S. Kedzie. Area 44.5 acres. Depths to 9.5 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish.
McKINLEY PARK LAGOON: 2210 W. Pershing Rd. Area 7 acres. Depths to 10 feet. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, bullhead, carp.
SHERMAN PARK LAGOON: 1301 W. 52nd Street. Area 11.6 acres. Depths to 7.5 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.
WASHINGTON PARK LAGOON: 5531 S. Martin Luther King Drive. Area 21.7 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Channel catfish, bullhead, carp.

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- Illinois State Fairgrounds
- Silver Springs State Fish & Wildlife Area
- Johnson Sauk Trail State Park
- Kennekuk Cove County Park
- Southern Site to be Announced

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SPORT FISHING AWARDS
Rules

1. Fish must be legally caught by pole and line from Illinois waters. Fish caught by trotline, jugs, bank poles, nets, seines, and snagging are ineligible.
2. Fish caught from fee fishing areas are not eligible.
3. The fish must be weighed in the presence of two witnesses (not relatives) and should be weighed to the nearest ounce on scales legal for trade. (Grocer scales, butcher scales.)
4. The total length of the fish must be measured to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. The total length is from the snout, mouth closed, to the end of the tail.
5. Persons who think they have a **state record fish** must have it positively identified by a Department of Conservation Fishery Biologist.
6. A clear, black and white, lateral view photograph of the fish must accompany the entry. The Department of Conservation must have permission to publish the photograph.
7. The Illinois Department of Conservation reserves the right to investigate and

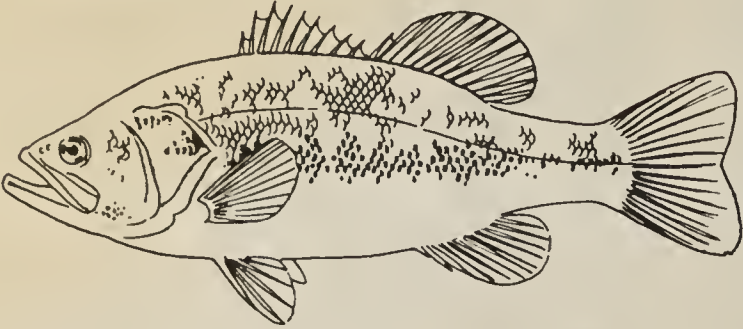
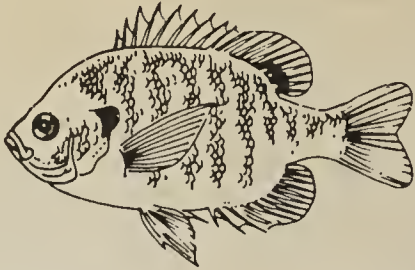
check the identification, the methods used in catching and the accuracy of measurement and weight before accepting the entry. The Illinois Department of Conservation also reserves the right to reject any entry.

8. All entries must be submitted within 90 days of being caught.

Awards

A Big Fish Shoulder Patch and Certificate (suitable for framing) will be awarded to those anglers who catch any of the fish listed at right, that equal or exceed the minimum weight specified.

A Shoulder Patch and Engraved Wall Plaque will be awarded to the angler who catches a fish of the species listed bigger than the current state record.



For further information and entry forms contact:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
Division of Fisheries
Lincoln Tower Plaza
524 S. Second St.
Springfield, Illinois 62706



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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
FOR SPECIES TO BE ENTERED

Minimum Weight	Pounds	Ounces	Minimum Weight	Pounds	Ounces
Species			Species		
Largemouth Bass	7	0	Blue Catfish	30	0
Smallmouth Bass	3	8	Flathead Catfish	30	0
Spotted Bass	3	8	Black Bullhead	2	4
White Bass	2	12	Yellow Bullhead	2	4
Yellow Bass	1	0	Brown Bullhead	2	4
Striped Bass	15	0	Coho Salmon	15	0
Hybrid Striped Bass	8	0	Chinook Salmon	33	0
Northern Pike	15	0	Kokanee Salmon	1	0
Muskie	15	0	Pink Salmon	2	0
Tiger Muskie	15	0	Atlantic Salmon	5	0
Walleye	6	0	Lake Trout	15	0
Sauger	3	0	Brown Trout	15	0
Yellow Perch	1	4	Rainbow Trout	15	0
Bluegill	1	8	Brook Trout	2	0
Redear	1	8	Tiger Trout	3	0
Green Sunfish	1	8	Splake	2	0
Rock Bass	1	0	Carp	20	0
Warmouth	1	0	Freshwater Drum	10	0
Other Sunfish	1	0	Bowfin	8	0
Hybrid Sunfish	1	8	Paddlefish	20	0
White Crappie	3	0	Smallmouth Buffalo	20	0
Black Crappie	3	0	Bigmouth Buffalo	20	0
Channel Catfish	17	0	Shovelnose Sturgeon	2	0

WHAT TO DO WITH A TAGGED FISH

Fishery biologists attach tags to many fish to determine harvest rates, movement, mortality rates, and growth. The tags are usually placed on the jaw or gills, or near the dorsal fin. If you catch a tagged fish of legal size, please return the tag to the address printed on the tag if the fish is kept. If the fish is released in good condition, leave the tag in the fish but report the information on the tag. Information required includes species caught, date caught, location where caught, length, weight, tag color and tag number. Your help will make fishing in Illinois even better!

TAGGED FISH TOURNAMENT PERMIT

Where prizes are offered for tagged or marked fish, a permit is required by the Department of Conservation for the following water:

1. state owned water
2. water managed by the state
3. water managed by the state through a lease
4. Carlyle Lake
5. Lake Shelbyville
6. Rend Lake

Applications for a permit must be made in writing to the Department of Conservation, Division of Fisheries, 600 West Grand Avenue North, Springfield, Illinois 62706, at least 60 days prior to the first tournament date.

The Illinois Department of Conservation receives Federal financial assistance and therefore must comply with federal anti-discrimination laws. In compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Illinois Constitution, Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the U.S. Constitution, the Illinois Department of Conservation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility please contact the Equal Opportunity Officer, Department of Conservation, 524 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62701-1787, (217) 782-7616 or the Office of Equal Employment, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.